

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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This Board has been on a path of providing much needed funding to our Probation Department. We have given the department a total of \$54 million ongoing and approximately \$16 million in one time new funding. Most of this funding is in response to the Department of Justice recommendation to improve our Juvenile Halls and Camps where rehabilitation is intended to occur.

While I am pleased with the funding we have given to our Probation Department, I remain concerned about field caseload levels, primarily for adults but for juveniles as well. The main mission of the Probation Department is community protection, and the real test of whether this mission is being accomplished is the department's ability to closely monitor probationers to ensure that they are not out of custody free to re-offend. With an average adult caseload level of 175, I find it hard to imagine that our adult probationers are being monitored very closely. I think we can do better in this area.

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This Board direct the CAO to report back during budget deliberations on ways to fund and/or improve the field caseload levels in the Probation Department.

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